

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH
OF THE
SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT IN 1895.

CENSUS 1881.	CENSUS 1891.
No. of Acres 1660	No. of Acres 1678*
Inhabited Houses 838	Inhabited Houses 1102
Population 4059	Population 5418

* 78 Acres transferred to Tunbridge Wells, 9th November, 1894.

The Population at the middle of 1895 was estimated to be 5547 persons on the reduced area of 1600 acres.

This result was arrived at by the method adopted by the Registrar-General.

During the year 1895 157 Births were registered, including 86 of Males, and 71 of Females. This gives a Birth rate per 1000 persons living in the district of 28·3 as against 26·1 in 1894.

Seventy-two Deaths were registered, viz., 33 of Males, and 39 of Females.

The Death rate was 12·9, as against 15·5 in 1894.

The seven principal Zymotic Diseases caused the deaths of only two persons; they were one from Diphtheria, and one from Diarrhœa, thus giving a Zymotic Death rate of 0·3 as against 1·5 in 1894.

Under the Infectious Disease Notification Act 30 cases were notified, as against 23 in 1894, including 20 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, one of Enteric Fever, and 5 of Erysipelas.

SCARLET FEVER.—No death resulted from the 20 cases reported, of which 7 were under 5 years of age.

Three cases occurred among scholars attending the Holme Endowed School, and it was thought desirable to close it for a fortnight during November. The disease was not due to sanitary defects on the premises; but the managers at my suggestion promptly carried out some alterations during the time of closure, which were desirable for the well-being of the scholars.

DIPHTHERIA.—Four cases were reported, one of which took a fatal course, as against two cases with one death in 1894.

The fatal case took place in November, and was that of a little girl, aged 4 years.

ENTERIC FEVER.—One case was notified, and the patient recovered.

WHOOPING COUGH.—No deaths from this disease occurred, which is most satisfactory, since it appears that there were many children affected during the early part of the year.

ISOLATION.—The new Isolation Hospital, which was completed in August last, is an up-to-date building, to which cases of infectious disease can be sent with every confidence, both as to sanitation and management. It is well designed, and provided with an efficient disinfecting apparatus, and has already been useful in isolating several of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria cases.

Mr. Harmer's Report on work carried out during the year, the usual table of vital statistics, and the returns required by the Local Government Board are included.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES SCOTT TEW.

April 7th, 1896.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

NUISANCES DEALT WITH BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR DURING THE YEAR ENDING 1895.

Notices of defective House Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	31
W.c.'s. condemned and new ones built	...	...	...	...	...	2
Foul Water Well closed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cow Shed, new drainage, paving, &c	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cottages unfit for habitation	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pigs removed from Premises	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water supply condemned, and town supply laid on	...	...	...	...	...	21
Caravans removed as insanitary	...	...	...	...	...	5
Bender Tent removed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses in a bad Sanitary condition, and generally dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	18

In addition to the above a large number of minor nuisances have been verbally dealt with.

WILLIAM HARMER.

Inspector of Nuisances.

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